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MUSIC.

What is it that delights the ear,
Gives rapture to the heart?
'Tis nature's full toned instrument,
That doth the boon impart.
We hear it in the winding stream
That murmurs as it flows,
'Tis whispered in the gentle breeze
That fans the blushing rose.
It swells the laugh of innocence
When time unheeded flies,
And lingers on the maiden's lips
While love beams from her eyes.
Both seas and oceans mingle
Their notes with land and grove,
And all earth's happy voices
Join in the song of love.

EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREES.

Several months ago we received a letter from a correspondent who requested us to give, through the columns of the TABLET, some expression of student opinion as to the propriety of holding special examinations for the Bachelors' and Masters' degrees. We suppose that our friend desired also to include all other honorary titles which the college is empowered to confer. We fear that "student opinion" might be summed up in the terse and emphatic, though rather unclassical expression, "Not for Joe!" Some people might consider this a curious opinion to come from men who are spending time and money for no other purpose than to get an education; but as nine out of every ten students at every American college enter upon their academical career with the avowed determination to get through their four

years as easily as possible, we cannot expect them to go so directly against their own wishes as to vote for any increase in the weight of their already heavy burden of examinations and recitations, and therefore the above reply would be, not only natural, but really admirably consistent.

This general opinion, however, is only another illustration of the fact that the "*vox populi*," is not the "*vox Dei*;" indeed, is not even the voice of logical common sense. In this instance, as in so many other more important ones, the multitude are deplorably in the wrong, and the few clear-headed ones, the sound of whose voices is drowned in the universal din, are just as incontestably in the right. Not that we would, for one moment, be thought of as claiming a place for ourselves among that select few; but we can recognize the justice of their assertions, and are perfectly ready to defend their theoretical principles provided only we may be allowed the privilege of opposing those principles when their advocates attempt to apply them practically.

There are, then, a few students at Trinity, as at almost every other college, who favor the establishment of special examinations for degrees. The reason of the thing is very evident. We make our way through college strictly according to the doctrine of chances. If any of our peccadilloes are discovered, why, good-bye, sheepskin! but if we are fortunate enough to escape the keen observation of lynx-eyed professors we may take our B. A. with a smiling face and a whispered blessing upon our good fortune. We may have "skinned," and "ponied" every day of our course, but no one

is the wiser now, and here we are, at the end of our career, standing just as well as poor Diggs there, who never looked at a Bohn in his life and actually had nothing but a piece of blank paper to throw into poor Anna's coffin at the end of Sophomore year. But our chargers, though somewhat galled, have done bravely, and who shall say that it is not pleasant to drive four-in-hand? One must pay the score, to be sure, in knowing that he is really a hypocrite, claiming a learning which he has not and never did have; but the diploma is like charity and covers a multitude of sins.

Bah! the figure is so common as to be valueless, but that only causes it to resemble a college diploma the more closely. The fact remains that a large proportion of our students obtain a Bachelor's degree who, if justice were exactly done, have no right to it. But would an examination, say on the studies of the whole four years, at all remedy this evil? We think it would. A young man who knows on first entering college, that he must, to obtain his degree, pass a thorough examination on all his studies, would be far more likely to pay close attention to them as he went along than he finds it at all necessary to do in these days. Again, such an examination, fairly and honorably conducted, would do more to raise the standard of scholarship in our colleges than any plan for the abolition of the marking system or the co-education of the sexes has it in its power to effect. Knowing that it will be next to impossible to "cram" for his Bachelor's examination, the undergraduate would find it manifestly expedient for him to study faithfully during his course, and thus, the necessity for making use of unfair assistance being removed, a healthier and purer tone would be given to his daily college life. The examination upon the studies of the whole course was once an established custom at Trinity; why it was abolished we do not know, but we are of the opinion that, if it were restored at the present day, it would be an excellent thing for every one concerned.

But if the Bachelor's degree is of so little real value, what shall we say of the Master's. If, said one of our contemporaries not many months ago, if a man goes to sea before the mast for three years after his graduation, he can obtain the degree of Master of Arts. Now is not this a crying shame upon our boasted great educational institutions? It is not enough that the first honor conferred upon a graduate by his Alma Mater must too often be the prize of absolute dishonesty, but the second honor also is to be bestowed upon all comers, regardless of their fitness! People sneer at the D.D's and LL.D's so freely given by colleges, but to our mind the Master's degree seems a much fairer target for ridicule. The B.A. says to the world, "This man is a college graduate," and the M.A. stamps him with the honor of having been three years out of college, and that is all the good they do. Yet there are not more than three colleges in the country who compel their candidates for degrees to pass an examination.

We have no space to enlarge further upon this topic, and can only add that it is our sincere hope that before many years Trinity will in this matter follow the example set her by some of her younger sisters.

ADVANCE.

The year has opened with bright prospects for Trinity—There seems to be a spirit of life and activity abroad which is a good augury of the future. A desire for popular reform is manifesting itself with a will and energy to take the initiatory steps in advance movements. The former apathy, in which our college days went slumbering by,—when we clung with all the tenacity of self-satisfied inaction to antiquated relics of the past,—has given place to a general stir and bustle which cries loudly for advance. The TABLET has struggled through all the stages of despondency, doubt, hope, success, until its reputation is now established. The Libraries of the Literary societies, which for so long a time gathered dust and mould up-

on their neglected shelves, a prey to rats and students of a speculative turn of mind, are now in the keeping of the college Librarian getting ready for early distribution and reference. The Reading Room, so long a myth, is an established institution, supplying a need which has been felt for many years, and adding a new and excellent feature to our daily life. The revival of the "Green" Exercises upon Class Day, the importance attached to the annual Burning of Analytics, the Burial of the Football, all give evidence of improvement. Old customs worthy of existence are perpetuated; new ones deserving of support are encouraged.

The latest novelty in the way of a suggestion is the proposed consolidation of the Literary Societies, proposed in the hope that the struggling existences of two tottering bodies may possess in common enough vitality for one live organization. The project is, either to consolidate both into one, or to abolish the old societies and form a single new one—a new name to be selected in either case. It is then proposed that the Parthenon Hall be converted into a gymnasium, the Athenæum into a Consulting Library. Theoretically the plan is a good one.

The Athenæum is virtually extinct; and the spasmodic efforts of the Parthenon to revive the interest of its members, prove how faint is even the semblance of life which it assumes. With the many influences which have combined to blight these two societies we have naught to do. The fact of their utter and hopeless decay is too well established to admit of dispute. It is true that when the Athenæum and Parthenon are pronounced extinct, we shall have removed two of the most venerable of our college landmarks; landmarks, too, abounding in pleasant memories of the past. But their existence is a benefit to no one, the engrossing studies of our English Department compel them to be neglected and the genius of progress demands their extinction. How far the new organization would be a success must of course be a matter of speculation. If it does not

thrive we can at the worst give it a decent burial. As to the Consulting Library, the project is feasible enough and would probably meet the hearty encouragement of the Trustees. The one main thing which must be fought for is the Gymnasium. No petition, though dignified with the signatures of every student in college will avail anything. There is need of personal application to those who will rule in the matter. Some one must be found who is willing to endure the drudgery and the petty annoyances which are ever attendant upon advance movements of any kind—some one, or two, who will present the matter forcibly and practically before the Faculty and Trustees and who, moreover, will be content to stand faithfully to their work amidst the disparaging criticisms of fault-finders. Who shall these men be? The work will not be that of a day, or a month, perhaps not of six months. The Seniors whose college days are numbered will lend all sympathy to the movement but can scarce hope to see its accomplishment. The labor then will naturally devolve upon the Juniors. Are there not two men in '71 who are willing to undertake this work and carry it on to its fulfillment? Let the issue prove.

A SERENADE.

The mist is asleep on the hill,
The moon is unclouded and bright,
No sound, save the clack of the mill,
Disturbs the deep silence of night.
Then wake, Lady, wake while I sing—
The 'coon on the tamarack tree,
So close to the bark can ne'er cling,
As clings my fond heart unto thee.

Though rain-drops, so sparkling and clear,
On each tender leaf meet my sight,
No chill, save thy coldness I fear,
No fever, but love, wakes to-night.
Then list, Lady, list to my strains—
The insect around thee that flies,
Ne'er drinks such sweet life from thy veins,
As I from the light of thine eyes.

A NEW PROJECT.

DEAR TABLET:

I see in your last issue, an item mentioning that the erection on the campus of a soldier-student memorial, has been the topic of conversation among some of the alumni. I am glad of it. I hope the same alumni, and others too, will go on talking about it, and speak so loud that their words will ring in the ears of any who are in any way connected with the College, graduates and undergraduates, Corporation and Faculty—patrons and friends. Can't you so dwell upon the matter in your columns that the alumni will be roused to take some action next Commencement? How appropriate the completion of such a memorial would be for some one of the grand centenary anniversaries so soon to come, such as the 19th of April 1875, or the 4th of July, 1876! But, sooner or later, the thing ought to be done—I mean the memorial ought to be established—and it ought to be done as by the alumni themselves. For it is something due to the character of the college—something to show forever how we stood by the nation in spirit and act, when the only accepted proof of patriotism was a readiness to fight—no—to die for the country. I have heard men who did not *know* the college, sneer, even in war times, at its patriotism.

Unfriendly persons may revive such sneers again, and we need something more definite and undeniable than tradition to appeal to, in contradicting them. Such a thing would be a suitable monument in memory of our foster-brothers fallen in the late war, whose bright examples of courage and sacrifice deserve to be always remembered. It would be more, too, than a mere proof of past honor,—it would be a silent and sure teacher of the noblest traits of character. Who can imagine a future undergraduate reading the names of young men of his own age, who went out freely to fall in battle, to waste away in the hospital, or to perish still more obscurely and wretchedly in some Libby

or Andersonville—and not gaining a better appreciation of bravery, devotion, endurance,—and such like qualities? It would be more still; for in carving the names of these heroes for memory's sake on enduring stone or bronze, do we not at the same time raise a monument of honor whose glory is shared by all who are, or shall be, proud to call her Alma Mater who even in days of weakness and trouble has bred sons ready and worthy to bear a nation's burden in the hour of its need? R. A. B.

COLLEGE PETS.

Two or three previous articles in the TABLET giving some account of the familiar canine "Phonie," and of the redoubtable pussy Glycerium, *née* Charlotte, afford evidence of the existence, even amidst the classical and metaphysical pursuits of life, of that especial characteristic of the home circle, the love of pets. But these two noted quadrupeds are not the only cherished animals which it has been our pleasure to behold during the past four years of student life. Quite numerous have been the dumb beings upon which so much affection has been lavished, and although the cat and dog species preponderate, yet it will be seen that the carnivora have not been solely represented.

The first pet of which we have any remembrance, leaving out of notice "Phonie," who is and has been for a long, long time an established institution, was a kitten of the variety called tiger. She made her appearance soon after our entrance into college and was picked up, while wandering about the halls in a half-starved condition, by a sympathetic Senior, who immediately adopted her as a companion. One day a brilliant idea flashed through his brain, the result no doubt of philosophical study, and he immediately put it to the test. This idea was to have a nightly cat-fight in his room for the benefit of admiring friends. For this purpose he procured a calico colored kitten; but, alas! for his projects, the two wouldn't be pugnacious, and in disgust he cast them forth to

care for themselves. The calico one wisely fled the dangerous neighborhood; but the other, after experiencing many vicissitudes, was at length domiciled in a Freshman's apartments. Here she remained for two weeks, when one night—'twas the last night for viewing those memorable meteors of Prof. Loomis—her protector, who had fallen asleep on the lounge while bravely endeavoring for the third time to keep diligent watch for the obstinate aerolites, was awakened by a crash, and beheld, aghast, his watch lying demolished on the floor. His *protégé* had knocked it from the table in her frolics and now was capering around it. This ingratitude proved too much for the infuriated youth, and the next day he turned her out with a closely shaven tail. She then took a fancy to frequent the recitation rooms, much to the annoyance of the sedate professors; but one day she was missing and never appeared again. Vague rumors coupling our respected janitor's name with her mysterious departure floated about, but to these we gave no credence.

Next on the scene appeared a spotted pup, of the variety coach, the favorite of a Sophomore. He yelped and wagged his tail upon the campus for awhile, but intolerance, in the shape of a veto from the Faculty, finished his day, and he soon obeyed the voice of a new master who felt the force of no collegiate *lex non scripta*. The last we saw of him was in the middle of the park pond, where, unable to swim, he was plunging about fearfully, while his owner ran off shouting for help. We learned afterwards that he was rescued.

Sophomore year ushered in a new era. Quadrupeds were no longer sought. Our Freshman, now Sophomore friend, whom we shall call G——, procured a canary and received a reward for his careful attention to its wants in the beautiful melodies which were constantly warbled from its throat. This excited the admiration of his next-door neighbor, who likewise obtained a feathered songster, and the whole section resounded with their vying strains.

The moulting season came on. The rival bird survived; but Dick, despite his master's care, fell a victim to its attendant disorders.

Not long afterwards G—— picked up a small black and tan terrier. Profiting by previous example he gave the charge of her to his boarding-house keeper, under whose protection she flourished till Easter recess, when he carried her home. She lives there still and is the mother of four flourishing puppies, her third offspring.

G—— returned from his recess with a second Philomel to fill the place of the deceased, and once more the hall re-echoed with dulcet voices. Time sped on. Junior year arrived, and Christmas vacation passed. We met again, but one of our number had sought a better life. Gip, the new bird, no longer heard the contending notes of his "kinfellow." He sang on in triumph until Spring, when one pleasant morning beheld his tiny form stretched stiff and cold at the bottom of the cage.

Then came Glycerium in all her glory, and her happy quintette, together with Brownie, a cross between the Scotch and Skye terrier, one of your regular door-mat kind, all hair and little solidity. He was kept quite snug by his Senior proprietor, yet the eye of justice spied him out, and forth he marched, wondering probably why a canine should not be allowed the same privileges as a feline.

Senior year found G—— at it again. This time a queer freak seized him. He had discovered mice in his room at the previous annual, and his vacation afforded him time to concoct a plan. He constructed a house and cage, and, armed with a trap, came back to try its feasibility. The first night one of the diminutive rodents was captured and ensconced in his new home, and the trap re-set for his mate, as was supposed. Three mice greeted G——'s sight the following morning, and these were all deposited in the house with the hope that one would prove the mate. Two more were soon added to the collection, but as the captures con-

tinued up to *seventeen*, the number was decided not to be increased. Three days elapsed, and G—— had demolished the house. The theory was perfect, but the practical application turned out a failure. Odors not reminiscent of Ceylon compelled a forcible ejection of the tenants.

The next and last pet is still with us. This is a Maltese tabby, remarkable for its huge tail, short legs, and squatty body. The happy possessor, a Junior, finds it, although somewhat eccentric, a pleasant associate. It once disappeared, not liking the experiments upon itself, and remained unheard of a week or so; but the prodigal has now returned, apparently determined to roam no more. Let no over-reliance be placed upon it; for cats, you know, like old maids, are decidedly whimsical.

MINOR MATTERS.

The anti-Bible faction of Cincinnati in its war upon the common schools has been badly worsted and at present is preparing for another contest, gathering together its scattered forces that when the time for action arrives nothing may be lost. The Superior Court of Ohio has decided that for the sake of Christianity alone the Bible should be retained in the schools, and the clique of Romanists and atheists, whose opinions are in direct opposition to the decision of this civil tribunal, have appealed to the Supreme Court of the State in the hope that their views of the question will meet with its approval. Their chances are slim, and the probability is that the higher court will affirm the judgment of the court below. We think the anti-Bible bunglers will have an opportunity to furl their banners and retire in good order, if, indeed, so commendable a quality is still catalogued among their varied virtues.

Why not fit up number three Brownell as a smoking-room? It is admirably adapted for the purpose, and we have no doubt that the necessary funds could be obtained of the smok-

ers throughout college. There is scarcely anything so acceptable to lovers of the weed, especially after dinner or tea, as a good pipe or a prime cigar, and every one knows how much more acceptable these luxuries are when enjoyed in the society of a few college friends. A hearty laugh, which is always found where students are assembled, is a valuable aid to the digestive organs, and when accompanied by that other well known aid, tobacco, the effects upon the system would without doubt be marvellous. That such would be the result in these smoking-room meetings is beyond question, and therefore it is that with our willing pen, and still more willing voice, we gladly bring this subject into notice, and trust ere many weeks have gone to sit in number three Brownell, smoke our choicest pipe, laugh our heartiest laugh, and congratulate our fellow-student smokers upon the success of so enjoyable a scheme.

So much has of late been said and written concerning the marking system that we had rather concluded not to enter upon a literary field which had been so carefully surveyed by the college press in general. But there comes to us a fact none other than this, that the abolishment of the marking system at Columbia College is a failure and this truth, we think, is worth the chronicling. At this institution it has been demonstrated that the results which were anticipated when the system was done away with, have been exactly the opposite from what were expected. In short, instead of faithful attendance upon collegiate duties and strenuous efforts to accomplish daily tasks, chapels and recitations have been "cut" with impunity, and study for study's sake has become a mere myth. It may be said that the experiment has not had a fair trial, that Columbia not being a dormitory-college, is not the proper sphere in which to test such a question. In a partial sense this is true, but notwithstanding the trial has been of sufficient thoroughness to convince us that the marking system,

even with its glaring deficiencies of partiality, inaccuracy, and misrepresentation, is the best method of scholarship record which can be adopted by American colleges.

The editors of the *Griswold Collegian* give sufficient proof, in the March number of their magazine, that they are new hands at journalism. They feel hurt because we, in common with several other college papers, do not publish a list of our exchanges in every issue, and complain that, when they do this, they ought to receive a "similar courtesy" at our hands. We have noticed that several of our exchanges are in the habit, but have always regarded it as indicating that the editors felt the necessity of getting up an exchange column and could hit upon no other way of filling it up. We confess that we are at a loss to find the propriety of our devoting half a column to a catalogue of some fifty or sixty college papers, especially as our space could be much better occupied by matter of some interest to our friends. The editors of the *Griswold Collegian* appear to be publishing their magazine with a view to getting into the good graces of their exchanges, but we prefer to look out for the interests of our subscribers. The fact of our sending a copy of the TABLET to an exchange is surely a sufficient acknowledgment of the receipt of that periodical by us.

We are glad to learn that some of the students in college who intend to study for the ministry are taking steps to form an organization for more practical missionary work in our vicinity than that heretofore carried on by the regular "Missionary Society." This association will form a branch of the "Brotherhood of the Holy Cross," which held its first general meeting last spring in New York City. The "B. H. C.," as is well known, is nothing more nor less than an union of "Church Missionary Societies," existing in the different colleges

and theological Seminaries for mutual cooperation and assistance. The institutions, which have already joined, as given in the printed report of the B. H. C., are Brown University, General Theological Seminary, Columbia, Hobart, Princeton, St. Stephen's Colleges and Philadelphia Divinity School. Trinity had a delegate at the convention mentioned, but for some reason not easily explained, our regular missionary society has not deemed it expedient to become a member of this union. The project, however, is favored by many of our students and some of the faculty, and we doubt not that a change in some respects in the old order of things would be very acceptable to all. This association is not organized in any spirit of opposition to the Missionary Society, but to provide for two wants, namely, a short and frequent service of prayer and singing, and the cultivation of a more liberal churchmanship that shall by a catholic and fraternal bond unite us with every college in the land.

Amherst Agricultural College is in a doubtful mood concerning its colors and is also somewhat disposed to think that we have stolen its green and white. Rather too fast, friends. Trinity selected green and white for her college colors early in the spring of 1868, and, if we are correctly informed, Amherst does not confess to having chosen these particular ribbons until the following year. That this statement in regard to ourselves is no theory, but staunch truth, we have only to refer our student friends to the first issue of the TABLET, published on the 12th of April 1868, wherein is recorded the fact that Trinity colors are green and white. We are sorry that any misunderstanding in the matter should have occurred, but inasmuch as soon as our selection was made we hastened through our own particular organ to give news of the fact to the college world, the cause of any disagreement which may have taken place cannot rightfully be laid at our doors.

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COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

Since our last issue the reading room has passed from an *in posse* to an *in esse* condition. The gentlemen having the conduct of affairs are to be congratulated upon the great success which has crowned their efforts to be dilatory ; however, "let us take the goods the gods send, and be thankful." The thanks of the undergraduates are due to the editors of the *Church-*

man for many valuable foreign periodicals, as well as for others of our own country. Some misunderstanding has arisen between the Students and Faculty, relative to the closing of the room on Sundays, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday, which will, we trust, soon be satisfactorily arranged. The reading room, under its present management, is a great convenience to ourselves as well as a credit to the college.

A chapter of the Delta Upsilon Anti-secret Fraternity has been established at Trinity, and swung out on the morning of the 22d of February. It numbers eleven members.

Junior appointments were announced on the first of March, and have, we are told, provoked the usual amount of discussion about Junior Exhibition. The class of '71 is, we believe, in favor of reviving this long neglected custom, and we hope that the effort to do so may prove successful. But we trust that the exhibition will be allowed to die a natural death, if in order to keep it alive it becomes necessary to abandon those principles for which previous classes have contended.

We acknowledge the receipt of letters from Michigan and Wesleyan Universities informing us as to the management of the libraries of those institutions. We have no space to enter into details, and can only say that at both Universities the libraries are open far oftener and longer than at Trinity. Our library privileges have not yet been extended, notwithstanding the rumors current about two months ago. When the transfer of the Societies' books has been completed, however, we shall probably see some advance in this matter.

One word as to the TABLET. The articles have usually been written by the members of the editorial corps, assisted by one or two friends outside of their body. It has been a source of some little wonder to us that, in order to obtain such articles, we have always been obliged to ask for them, and it was not until a few days ago that some one told us the students thought we preferred that method of getting copy. We wish,

therefore, to reiterate a statement made, we believe, some time since, that we are always ready and willing to consider articles handed to us by any student. If the undergraduates would write without waiting to be asked it would save us some time and considerable trouble. Again, by having a wider range of articles to select from, we could make the TABLET a far better paper than it ever can be while we are forced to depend upon the well-worn pens of some half dozen "regular contributors."

THE EUTERPEANS.

The Euterpean concert announced for the 17th ult., was eminently a success. On the evening of the appointed day the Philo-Dramatic Hall was crowded with the *élite* of the city,—friends of the college who had gathered to listen to the concert and operetta. The performance commenced with an octet "Happy are we, students so gay," arranged from the opera of "La Bayidere." This is a new Trinity song, and has an *allegro* movement about it that is quite refreshing as compared with the usual *bizârre* style of college music. We fully agreed with the sentiments expressed in the words

"Happy are we then while we sing,
Studies are finished, care taken wing,
Euterpe's charms 'round us shall cling,
Aiding the chorus our voices ring."

A duett "La Favorite" from Donizetti was well received and then followed the "Menagerie." Van Amburgh made his appearance, whip in hand, leading in the Elephant, Hyena, &c., amid the deafening cries of sundry wild animals, not easily found in Natural History, and the stirring chorus from behind the scenes,

"For the elephant now goes round,
The band begins to play,
The boys around the monkey's cage
Had better keep away."

After the "animals" had been sufficiently aired,

the "show went on, amid a good deal of noise and confusion" while the exhibitor expatiated on the merits of some of the "varmints" that had not been "trotted out." We give the following as a specimen and as an addition to the verses already published in the *Carmina Collegensia*.

"Next comes the Hippopotamus, a monster of such size
It takes one hundred yards of cloth to wipe his weeping eyes,

Oh, ladies dear, I beg of you, don't go so very near,
For if you do, you'll stir him up, and then he is so queer."

"Next comes the great American Eagle, fit emblem of our land,

When he gets his dander up, oh, then he is so grand!
When he perches on the North Pole, with his beak in Mexico,

And spreads his wings from sea to sea, oh my, ain't he a go!"

"Next comes the world renowned Giraffe, who stands so very high,

Without a magnifying glass you can hardly see his eye.
He has a neck so very long, I'm sure 'twould make you snicker,

If you could see the gusto with which he drinks his liquor."

After the "show" was out, the Cobbler, Little Brown Jug, and Gideon's Band,—sung with appropriate accompaniments and *recherché* costumes—added not a little to the general amusement of the audience and closed the first part of the programme.

The burlesque operetta entitled "The Sweets of Matrimony" consumed the rest of the evening, and was said by those who ought to know, to be a truthful representation of the trials that one who ventures on the treacherous sea of matrimony must expect to experience. The Fair Enchantress, a barcarole, solos from the Bohemian Girl, and Rose of Castile, a duett from Il Trovatore, an aria from La Somnambula, Mine Host from the Arion, and the Gend'armes duett, were among the musical

gems that we noticed scattered through the opera. The general "make up" of Lady Isabella, Leonora, and Inez should be seen to appreciated. The deep bass voice of the mother, the tall figure of the daughter, and the coquetry of the maid, taken in connection with the feminine apparel in which they were amply and richly dressed, presented an incongruous combination that was farcical in the extreme. After Euterpe had closed her performances, Terpsichore took her place and finished up the affair in a way that pleased everybody. On the whole we say "Vivant Euterpeans!"

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Owing to the fact that the 22d of February occurred in the Lenten season last year, the festivities of the occasion were confined to an oration and poem. The celebration in 1870 found all things propitious, and therefore arrangements were made for a grand time, in order that the loss of enjoyment in 1869 might be fully made up. The different committees appointed by the Senior class were as follows: Committee of Arrangements; Geo. E. Elwell, W. R. Mowe, Arthur Dyer, H. R. Whitlock.—Committee of Invitation; William Nichols, C. H. Gardner, G. B. Morgan, J. K. Stout.—Floor Committee; Arthur Brocklesby, L. M. Kennett, Jr., B. E. Backus, R. F. Bixby, from the Senior class; C. C. Williams, A. S. Murray, Jr., Robert Hudson, H. S. Wood, from the Junior Class.

At the appointed time, (7 1-2 o'clock), the Cabinet was well filled with friends of the College, and *acquaintances* of the students. The usual delay attendant upon the opening of exercises of this kind was unavoidable, so that it was well on towards eight o'clock before the participants took their places, capped and gowned, before the audience. After an overture by the orchestra, Mr. C. H. Gardner, President of the Senior Class, introduced in a graceful manner Mr. R. F. Bixby, the orator of the evening. Mr. Bixby's oration was the best 22d effort

that we have had the pleasure of hearing in college. It displayed much thought and careful consideration. The principal line of the argument was to show that nature always creates great minds for great places, and that these superior intellects always find their proper stations. Washington was cited as a striking example of this doctrine; also, Cæsar, Robespierre, Cromwell, Prim, and Serrano. The audience seemed much pleased, but would have been more impressed if the orator had added considerably greater force to his delivery. He was loudly applauded at the conclusion. Music followed, and then Mr. G. L. Cooke, Jr., poet of the evening, was introduced. The death-bed scene of Washington was pictured in a highly poetical and impressive manner, the poem concluding with the last words of Washington. This, like the oration, was well received. The Literary exercises now being concluded, the scene suddenly changed. In a moment the hum of many voices filled the Cabinet. Underclassmen busied themselves in removing benches from the hall and soon all was ready for the dancing to commence. Until this time the hall had not appeared much crowded, but when the dancing began it became apparent at once that the room was too small for the number of people present. The "oldest inhabitant" says there were more in attendance than ever before. This is a strong argument in favor of having our public exercises in a suitable hall down town, and it is much strengthened by the manner in which we were obliged to serve refreshments. The Athenæum hall was scarcely large enough for all the guests to stand in, not to speak of giving them no chance to move about. If we are to have public exercises at Trinity let us have them in such a hall as will allow invited guests to be comfortable at least.

Although the floor of the Cabinet has not been waxed for four years, it was so slippery that several who were unaccustomed to dancing on it, (Freshmen we believe) lowered them-

selves gracefully from a perpendicular to a horizontal position. The music was good, as it could not be otherwise under Adkins' direction, and the prompting gave general satisfaction. We were pleased to see many of the Alumni present, as well as several undergraduates from Yale and Williams. May these joyful occasions long be kept up, and may those of all succeeding years be as pleasant as that of 1870.

PERSONALS.

HARRADEN, '67. F. S. Harraden is associate principal of the high school at Wry, Philadelphia, Penn.

MINES, '54. J. F. Mines has resigned his position upon the *Troy Times* and assumed the assistant editorship of the *Brooklyn Union*.

BOLLES, '55. Rev. E. C. Bolles has been appointed lecturer on Natural Science at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y.

HOLBROOKE, '67. Stephen Holbrooke has recently become connected with Brady's Bend Iron Company, Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Penn.

STRONG, '64. C. M. Strong, formerly connected with the class of '64, is associated with Dr. Labusin and engaged in erecting a lighthouse at the mouth of the Mississippi.

POTTS, '68. F. H. Potts has resigned his professorship at Seabury Mission, Fairbault, Wis., and is now in the General Theological Seminary, New York City.

GRISWOLD, '66. B. H. Griswold is a member of the engineer corps which is engaged in surveying for a rail-road between Hagerstown and Williamsport, Md. Letters directed to the former place will reach him.

MCCKEY, '69. Arthur McConkey who recently occupied a professor's chair at Seabury Mission, Fairbault, Wis., has been compelled to resign by the "breaking out," of his leg where it was injured while at College.

PARTICLES.

The Euterpean Society desires to return thanks to its East Hartford friends for their kind patronage.—The Hon. Daniel Pratt, G. A. T., recently visited us, but was unable to deliver his famous lecture upon "The Harmonious Economy of the Elements of the Universe." This lecture is not supplementary to the chemical course as its title has led some people to suppose.—There is a pit-fall in the stairs of the middle section of Brownell Hall; where's the carpenter?—Co-education of the sexes has been inaugurated; Franklin has a female assistant.—The boat-club is in excellent health, having just procured a good constitution.—Three ways of entering chapel have been discovered; be sure and adopt the first.—The Rev. Mr. Foote, one of the missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Utah, recently delivered an interesting address before the students at the mid-day service.—Another gun-powder plot has resulted more successfully than the historical one, but Guy Fawkes has not yet been discovered.—Several pea-nut shells were found in the middle section of Brownell Hall not long ago. This is considered as positive evidence of another Phi Beta Kappa orgie.—A majority of the class of '71 have also celebrated; how about cotton-batting?—Factory men have worn a picturesque foot-path across the campus. The treasurer is loudly called for.—That flunk the other day was a very blunt coincidence.—The Seniors enjoy weekly experimental lectures in chemistry. The experiments are excellently performed, and so far not one has failed.—Heart-stirring solos are all the fashion in chapel now-a-days.—The spread on Washington's birth-day was a capital one. Plenty to eat, but how to get at it was the puzzle.—The Freshmen have appointed their cane committee. It looks as if '73 intended to *rush* things.—A certain light has been shed upon the character of the Senior class; (Drummond light).

COLLEGE CLIPPINGS.

AMHERST.

Rowing weights have been placed in the gymnasium.

Senior vacation has been abolished. Class Day and Commencement now fall in the same week.

The annual visit of the legislature took place on the 22d ult. The gentlemen appear to have enjoyed themselves and the *Student* indulges bright hopes of a forthcoming appropriation from the State Treasury.

BROWN.

The Philadelphia Alumni have formed an association, and held their first meeting a few weeks ago. There are forty of them.

Mr. C. Townsend, of Newport, has presented several rare and valuable coins to the University. He procured them in Europe several years ago.

CORNELL.

John L. Swift, M. D., Hobart, 1860, has accepted the Professorship of Microscopy.

The Johnsonian Club, a literary organization similar to one founded by Dr. Johnson, has lately been established. The number of members is limited to ten or twelve, and each one appoints his successor.

HAMILTON.

The Cabinet has recently been enriched by several valuable specimens of Chinese flora, presented by the Hon. S. Wells Williams.

The second annual reunion of the New York Association of Hamilton Alumni occurred Thursday evening, Feb. 17th, at the Astor House, Judge Bosworth presiding.

HARVARD.

The corner-stone of the Harvard College Alumni Hall will be laid next September.

C. C. Langdell, Esq., recently of the New York City bar, has been elected Professor of the Dane Law School.

HOBART.

It is understood that the Rev. Maunsell Van Rensselaer, D. D., late President of De Veaux College, will accept the Trinity Professorship of Ethics to which he was recently elected by the trustees.

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

The Faculty have prohibited music, sleigh-riding, skating, smoking, theatre-going, and parties! Whew! how's that for the 'free West?'

MICHIGAN.

Four members of the class of '68 are assistant Professors.

In eleven years the University has increased the number of her students from 549 to 1,112.

The Senior class of the literary department have immediate access to the shelves of the library during the remainder of their course; other classes are not allowed this privilege.

It has been suggested that a petition, signed by the students of all departments, be presented to the legislature, requesting the erection of a new building for Commencement exercises, etc. There is not a hall in the University that will seat more than 550 persons.

PRINCETON.

Duprez and Benedict's Minstrels have a new burlesque entitled "Princeton College."

The trustees have decided upon building a new five story dormitory, surmounted by a "French roof."

Burglars recently made an entrance into the room of a member of the Sophomore class and stole \$85 worth of movable property.

A boat club is in process of organization. The *Lit.* thinks that the rowers may possibly succeed in beating the canal-boats.

A new word—"floppist"—has sprung into existence with the Gymnasium. It means one who performs a cross between a hand-spring and a somersault.

The widow of the late Senator Thomson has offered, as a prize for the best gymnast in each Senior class that shall graduate hereafter, an elegant gold seal ring.

The Library windows are protected from breakage by galvanized wire netting. A sensible decrease in the amount of bills for incidental expenses will probably be the result.

WASHINGTON.

The Beta Chapter of the Delta Psi Fraternity was established last December.

Prof. R. S. McCulloch has just arrived from Europe, where he has been for some months engaged in examining the modes of instruction, &c., in the various literary and scientific institutions of France and Germany.

WESLEYAN.

The reading room is closed during the evening. The *Argus* complains.

Pliny Jewell, Esq., of this city, has presented to the University more than a dozen fine specimens of sulphur and the associated minerals from the sulphur district of Girgenti, Sicily.

Students of Wesleyan and also of Amherst are loudly urging the necessity of more ventilation for the recitation rooms. If they want to see it well done let them visit Trinity.

WILLIAMS.

Several Episcopal students have formed a parish in Williamstown. They have rented the old Congregational chapel, and the services for the present will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, of North Adams.—*Observer*.

YALE.

The Freshmen came out with bangers a short time ago. Owing to the pledge of the Sophomores, given last year, there was no rush.

The Navy has refused the proposition made by Harvard to select the crews for the annual regatta from the Academical, Law, and Scientific Departments, instead of from the first alone, as heretofore. The reasons for this action are that in case the proposition was accepted Harvard would, on various accounts, obtain very considerable advantages.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An Industrial University is to be established at Ottawa, Kansas, for the education of the Indian tribes.

A petition has been circulated in Harrodsburg, Ky., asking Congress to give \$50,000 to Oberlin College, Ohio.

The two principal colleges of Cambridge University, England—Trinity and St. John's—have united and appointed teachers of natural science from among the Fellows.—*College Journal*.

It is supposed that one of the *fac simile* copies of Tischendorf's Codex Sinaiticus was destroyed at the burning of the library of Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio.

A new college, under the patronage of the Philadelphia Classis of the German Reformed Church, is about to go into operation at Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa. It will probably be opened in September next.

EXCHANGES.

We beg pardon of the *College Journal*; the exchange editor neglected to put its name on our list.

The *Virginia University Magazine* has made its first appearance upon our table. We give it a hearty welcome.

The *Bowdoin Scientific Review*, the second number of which has just reached us, is a modest little sheet of sixteen pages. The articles in the number before us are full of information and exceedingly well selected. It is, as its name implies, a reprint from various scientific periodicals. How is it that Bowdoin has no undergraduate paper?

The *Nassau Lit.* keeps up its sarcastic remarks about light literature. A journal that has published two such tremendously flimsy attempts at levity as "The Romans" and "The Epicurean Philosophy" ought to be careful about hurling stones, or it may demolish its own fragile edifice of editorial br—glass.

The *Cornell Era* is largely indebted for a good deal of interesting matter to Dr. Bombaugh's "Gleanings for the Curious." Some of its extracts are credited, but several of the more striking ones are quietly appropriated and nothing said.

The *Pardee Literary Messenger* perpetrates the following and (we suppose) calls it poetry:—

—When Adam sinned

And rooted from his heart the love of truth,
And impregnated all his being with a love for Satan
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